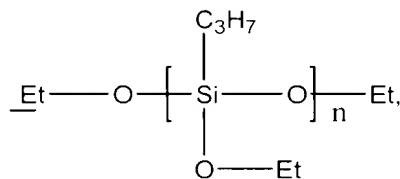


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, lines 3-14, please amend as follows:

n-Propylethoxysiloxanes may generally be described approximately, but illustratively, by the following formula:



in which n indicates the degree of oligomerization. In other words, the degree of oligomerization indicates the number of Si units per molecule. In the investigation of the present invention, the methods used to determine the degree of oligomerization were gel permeation chromatography (GPC) and ^{29}Si -NMR. When an oligomer mixture is stated as being, for example, 100% by weight, based on well-defined oligomers, this figure refers to the present detection limit (around 1%) of corresponding oligomers prepared by said methods. In order to be able to describe the siloxanes of the invention in more detail, the present specification refers to structures known as M, D and T structures. Regarding the nomenclature of such siloxane structures, reference may be made to "Römpp Chemielexikon" under the entry headed Silicone.